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C O N F I D E N T I A L USNATO 3098

E. O. 11652: GDS 79

TAGS: NATO, FR, ETRN, ENRG

SUBJECT: CENTRAL EUROPE PIPELINE SYSTEM ( CEPS)

REF: STATE 123102

1. REQUEST USEUCOM ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING FOLLOWING INFORMATION  
FOR USE IN DEVELOPING OUR REPLY TO REFERENCED MESSAGE:

A. USEUCOM ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT ( FROM BOTH FINANCIAL AND  
READINESS STANDPOINTS) ON U. S. FORCES IN EUROPE WHICH WOULD RESULT  
FROM A FRENCH DENIAL OR SUSPENSION OF USE IN PEACETIME BY U. S. OF  
THE DONGES- METZ PIPELINE AND RELATED STORAGE FACILTIES. WHAT  
ALTERNATIVES WOULD MEET U. S. REQUIREMENTS AND IN WHAT TIME FRAMES?

B. INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF ANY PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS  
TO REVISE AND IMPROVE THE TERMS OF THE TECHNICAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE US FORCES IN EUROPE AND FRANCE FOR USE OF THE DONGES- METZ LINE  
AND AN ASSESSMENT OF THE EFFECT WHICH WOULD BE EXPECTED ON THESE  
NEGOTIATIONS FROM A CONFRONTATION AND STALEMATE IN CEPPC OVER ISSUES  
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OF FRENCH NON- MILITARY TARIFFS, TAXES AND NATO AUDITORS ACCESS TO  
FRENCH INTERNAL ACCOUNTS. WHAT IS THE MAGNITUDE OF BENEFITS TO THE  
U. S. THAT IT IS HOPED TO ACHIEVE IN A REVISION OF THE DONGES-  
METZ TECHNICAL AGREEMENT?

C. ESTIMATED DIFFERENCE IN NET COST TO U. S. WHICH WOULD  
RESULT FROM NON- USE OF CEPS IN FRANCE, USING ASSUMPTION THAT FRENCH  
PORTION IS ROUGHLY SELF- SUPPORTING AND NEITHER CONTRIBUTES TO PRESENT  
DEFICIT NOR DOES IT PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REVENUES TO REDUCE DEFICIT  
GENERATED IN OTHER PARTS OF SYSTEM.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR INFORMATION REFLECTING  
ESTIMATED ANNUAL COSTS AND EFFECT ON YOUR PRESENT PETROLEUM WAR-  
READINESS POSTURE BY 9 JULY 73 IN ORDER TO PERMIT TIMELY REPLY TO  
REFERENCED MESSAGE FROM SECSTATE. PRENDERGAST

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